

House Resolution No. 1235

Whereas, Claude R. Blakeley retired from his many diverse duties and responsibilities as County Collector of Revenue for Newton County on March 3, 2003, after fourteen years of competent and admirable service; and

Whereas, extremely loyal and dedicated to those with whom and for whom he worked, Claude Blakeley distinguished himself by the meticulous manner in which he endeavored to meet each and every challenge that came his way during his years as Collector of Revenue; and

Whereas, before becoming Newton County Collector of Revenue, Claude Blakeley enjoyed recognition by serving four years as a member of the United States Navy, two years as an employee of Neosho Concrete Company, two terms as Circuit Clerk and Recorder of Deeds, fourteen years as a pilot for Teledyne Neosho and Teledyne Air Center, and three years as a pilot for Leggett and Platt; and

Whereas, Claude Blakeley was elected in 1970 to represent the 136th District of the Missouri House of Representatives, where he served as a respected member of numerous committees, participated in floor debates, and helped lead the Show-Me State during four terms in office; and

Whereas, born on July 1, 1936, Claude Blakeley attended Silver Moon Elementary School in rural Newton County and Neosho High School prior to furthering his education at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield; and

Whereas, Claude Blakeley is a remarkable individual whose zealous commitment to procedure at the Newton County Collector of Revenue's Office will always be remembered and appreciated:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in expressing our deep gratitude for the unparalleled service that Claude Blakeley rendered to Newton County and its many fine citizens, and in wishing him a long and enjoyable retirement with ample opportunity to enjoy the better things that life has to offer; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Claude R. Blakeley, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Kevin Wilson
District No. 130

Representative Marilyn Ruestman
District No. 131

Representative Ron Richard
District No. 129

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 1235, adopted
April 1, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker